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1. RE THE CHANGES IN THE ITALIAN TOBACCO MONOPOLY'S EXCLUSIVE IMPORTATION RIGHTS REPORTED IN REF. A, WE CONTACTED ALAN CHIPP, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION FOR STATE MONOPOLIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR COMPETITION. IN A PREVIOUS DISCUSSION (REF. B), CHIPP HAD INDICATED THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF APRIL 21, 1970 BY VIRTUE OF WHICH ITALY (AND FRANCE) IS OBLIGATED TO ABOLISH THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF IMPORTATION AND WHOLESALE MARKETING ENJOYED BY ITS STATE TOBACCO MONOPOLY BY JANUARY 1, 1975, WOULD AFFECT ONLY IMPORTS FROM AND ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE FIVE REMAINING ORIGINAL MEMBER

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STATES, AND NOT IMPORTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES.

2. CHIPP REAFFIRMED TO US THIS INTERPRETATION OF THE APRIL 1970 RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO HIM, ITALY IS OBLIGATED NEITHER TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF MANUFACTURED TOBACCO PRODUCTS FROM NON-EC COUNTRIES NOR TO PERMIT THE MARKETING OF SUCH PRODUCTS BY NON-EC ENTERPRISES. THE APRIL 1970 RESOLUTION APPLIES ONLY TO THE OTHER 5 MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL COMMUNITY. RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM THE NEW MEMBER STATES DO NOT HAVE TO BE TERMINATED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1978.

3. CHIPP ALSO SAID THAT THE ITALIAN LAW ABOLISHING THE EXCLUSIVE IMPORTATION RIGHTS OF THE MONOPOLY MUST STILL BE APPROVED BY THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

4. SUGGEST THAT AMEMBASSY ROME DETERMINE HOW IMPORTS FROM THE US AND OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PLANNED CHANGES IN THE ROLE OF THE ITALIAN TOBACCO MONOPOLY. GREENWALD

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